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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP ART UNIT 3729**

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in accordance with the requirements of the Official Gazette Notice "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted," Official Gazette, vol. 1267 no. 4 (Feb. 25, 2003), and thus the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 that a clean copy of the claims be provided to the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office have been waived. A new complete claims set is provided herewith in accordance with the requirements of the Official Gazette Notice "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted," Official Gazette, vol. 1267 no. 4 (Feb. 25, 2003).

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2002, the period for response to which has been extended to April 30, 2003, by the accompanying Petition for One-Month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: